

Oklahoma Rehabilitation Council

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 10th 2017

1:30pm – 3:00pm

Present: Renee Sansom, Linda Jaco, Mark Kinnison, Teresa McDermott, William Ginn, Bill Dunham, Diana Garret and Carolina Colclasure.

Report / Discussion.

- Spring Hill Visits and CSAVR comments:
 - The delegation was not able to meet with all the congressional representatives but they did talk to their staffers and overall the visits went well, the message was well received and some of them are going to help in the future.
 - The conference was very informative
 - The best bet right now is to continue to work at the State level because the Federal government is still in transition and the budget is very limited. The staffers and the overall message was to be cautious; they would not commit to anything.
 - Talking points discussed with the representatives: WIOA implementation process and how it's going; the Social Security reimbursement program and the advantages of WIOA for transition students.
 - The benefits to DRS to remain under the Department of Education based on the population served and its goals.
 - Several states like Arkansas, Louisiana and New Mexico have similar budget issues like Oklahoma.
 - DRS wants to try and improve the Business Service Team, maybe check with other States that have bigger units about how their Business Service Team works and the benefits of it.
 - NCSAB presented new equipment and technology for Blind people.
- Update on the 2018 Annual Summit on Performance Management: ORC is working with Becky Wiersig as co-lead on the Planning Committee. There are 2 hotels selected and they are getting quotes and information from them (The Skirvin and the Sheraton). The conference will take place in September of 2018.
- List of recommendations ORC is going to focus on from the previous CSNA findings:
 - OKDRS should place an emphasis on the importance of family support for transition aged youth. This goal will be assigned to the Transition Committee and will try to focus on the Education for parents about the process and the benefits of the services DRS provides.
 - Opportunities exist for OKDRS to enhance communication between the agency, parents, public schools, and other partners. Increased communication would strengthen the partners' relationships and cooperation in order to better serve transition students. This will also be assigned to the Transition Committee.
 - OKDRS should work to develop new sources of employment and job training opportunities. This will be assigned to the Employment Committee.
- Strategic Plan
 - Objective 1.1: Met.
 - Objective 1.2: Met.

- Objective 1.3: Met.
 - Activity 1: Met
 - Activity 2: Met. There will some changes come this September because of the end of term of some of the Council positions.
 - Activity 3: Met.
 - Activity 4: Met.
 - Activity 5: Met.
 - Activity 6: Ongoing. ORC is present at SILC's meetings and is trying to engage them to participate in ORC's meetings.
 - Activity 7: Ongoing
 - Activity 8: Ongoing. There is a new interactive map by county that shows the success stories of the area. More changes will be coming up.
- From now on the Committee meetings dates will be set by Renee Sansom and she will email them to the participants with the time and place. For 2018 in November when the calendar is created all the dates will be included and the members will have them in advance.
- Renee and Linda will set a meeting with Mark and Teresa to discuss potential options for an improved approach with clientele that will focus on ways to determine enhanced eligibility.
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